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SUBJECT: STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH JORDAN

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1. DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE HAD SEVERAL CALLS FROM TOMMY FRANCIS IN RECENT MONTHS REGARDING HIS AMBITIOUS PLANS TO ESTABLISH TRAINING SITE IN CALIFORNIA FOR MIDDLE EAST ATHLETES. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS TO SERIOUSLY DOUBT BOTH VIABILITY OF PROJECT IN NEAR FUTURE AND BONA FIDES OF FRANCIS.

2. TRAINING SITE APPEARS TO BE ABANDONED MOTOR SPEEDWAY OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL FOR BUILDING SPORTS FACILITIES. U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE NOW RENOVATING SQUAW VALLEY SITE IN CALIFORNIA BUT WILL BE LIMITED TO TRAINING U.S. ATHLETES.

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3. FRANCIS APPEARS TO BE A NAME-DROPPING PROMOTER SEEKING SPONSORSHIP AND CREDIBILITY IN DEALING WITH ARAB OFFICIALS. HE HAS YET TO SUBMIT PROSPECTUS, AS REQUESTED, AND IS UNKNOWN BY AAU AND OFFICIALS OF OTHER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO WHOM WE CONSULTED. WHITE HOUSE WAS SOLICITED

BUT PLAN NO RESPONSE.

4. IN MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CU SPORTS OFFICE
FRANCIS ALLEGEDLY WILL BE MEETING WITH HUSSEIN AND
JORDANIAN SPORTS OFFICIALS ON MAY 24. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE
INVITATION FROM YANAL HICKMAT THRU PIERRE NASNAS,
JORDANIAN WHO RECENTLY WAS STUDYING IN U.S. WILL KEEP
YOU ADVISED. CHRISTOPHER

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